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The present invention provides an analyte-taking device (20) comprising:

- 5 · a tube provided at one end with an analyte-taking element;
- a plug of a liquid or a powder inside the tube;
- and
- at least one liquid contained in an inside space
- 10 of the tube separated from the analyte-taking element by the plug at least, the plug being arranged, in use, to be evacuated together with the liquid when the liquid leaves the inside space of the tube, the liquid being:
- an analyte-taking liquid suitable for
- 15 facilitating the taking of at least one analyte by the analyte-taking element; or
- a reagent suitable for producing an observable reaction in the presence of a determined analyte picked up by the analyte-taking element.